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H. R. 3207

To authorize research, development, and demonstration activities under section 311 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 for fiscal years 2000 through 2004.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 3, 1999

Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. CALVERT, and Mr. COSTELLO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Science, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Superfund Research,
5 Development, and Demonstration Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The Superfund Innovative Treatment and
4 Evaluation (SITE) program carried out under the
5 authority of section 311(b) of the Comprehensive
6 Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liabil-
7 ity Act of 1980 has helped private sector developers
8 to market innovative Superfund clean-up treatment
9 technologies for more than 10 years.

10 (2) Technologies demonstrated and evaluated
11 through the SITE program have been successfully
12 deployed at many Superfund and Resource Con-
13 servation and Recovery Act sites, resulting in signifi-
14 cant cost savings and faster remediation of those
15 sites.

16 (3) The Environmental Protection Agency's
17 Science Advisory Board has found that SITE pro-
18 gram accomplishments have been "impressive" and
19 that "the need for improved technology to prevent,
20 reduce, or remediate environmental contamination
21 remains a national priority".

22 (4) The University Hazardous Substance Re-
23 search Centers authorized under the Comprehensive
24 Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liabil-
25 ity Act of 1980 have played an important role in
26 conducting basic research, developing innovative

1 clean-up technologies, and providing invaluable tech-
2 nical assistance to communities.

3 (5) The SITE program and related hazardous
4 substance research program should be reauthorized
5 with an emphasis on meeting the emerging technical
6 and scientific challenges presented by the use of re-
7 mediated sites (including brownfields), developing
8 technologies to address remediation at remaining
9 sites with complex contamination characteristics,
10 and transferring technology and technical capabili-
11 ties to a wider variety of remediation needs.

12 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS.**

13 (a) Section 111(n) of the Comprehensive Environ-
14 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of
15 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9611(n)) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (1) by striking “1987, 1988,
17 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1994” and in-
18 serting “2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004”;

19 (2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
20 lows:

21 “(2) SECTION 311(a).—For each of the fiscal
22 years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004, not more
23 than \$35,000,000 of the amounts available in the
24 Fund may be used for the purposes of section
25 311(a). Not more than 10 percent of such amounts

1 may be used for training under section 311(a) in
2 any fiscal year.”; and

3 (3) in paragraph (3) by striking “1987, 1988,
4 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1994” and in-
5 serting “2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004”.

6 (b) Section 311(a) of the Comprehensive Environ-
7 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of
8 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9660(a)) is amended by striking para-
9 graph (6).

10 (c) Section 311(b) of the Comprehensive Environ-
11 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of
12 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9660(b)) is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (4) by striking “Each such
14 project” and inserting “The Administrator may
15 enter into agreements with persons, public entities
16 (including the Department of Defense, the Depart-
17 ment of Energy, and other Federal agencies), and
18 nonprofit private entities, to arrange for the use of
19 other sites appropriate for carrying out hazardous
20 substances research, testing, evaluation, develop-
21 ment, and demonstration projects. Each project
22 under this paragraph”;

23 (2) in paragraph (5)(B) by inserting “or other
24 appropriate sites” after “section 104”;

1 (3) in paragraph (5)(E) by striking “10 sites at
2 which a response may be undertaken under section
3 104” and insert in lieu thereof “suitable sites”;

4 (4) by striking paragraph (6); and

5 (5) in paragraph (8)—

6 (A) by inserting after the first sentence the
7 following: “As part of such technology transfer
8 program, the Administrator shall strive to enter
9 into agreements with the Department of De-
10 fense, the Department of Energy, and other
11 Federal agencies to ensure the effective transfer
12 to those agencies and their contractors of tech-
13 nologies potentially applicable to remediation or
14 containment of hazardous substances at sites
15 owned or operated by such agencies.”; and

16 (B) by striking “for such information” and
17 inserting “for information collected under this
18 paragraph”.

19 (d) Section 311(d) of the Comprehensive Environ-
20 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of
21 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9660(d)) is amended—

22 (1) by striking the last sentence of paragraph
23 (1);

24 (2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
25 lows:

1 “(2) RESPONSIBILITIES OF CENTERS.—The re-
2 sponsibilities of each hazardous substance research
3 center established under this subsection shall in-
4 clude, but not be limited to, the conduct of research
5 and training, and the provision of technical assist-
6 ance and technology transfer to local, State, and re-
7 gional entities, relating to the manufacture, use,
8 transportation, disposal, treatment, effects, detec-
9 tion, characterization, and management of haz-
10 ardous substances, and publication and dissemina-
11 tion of information related thereto.”;

12 (3) in paragraph (7) by inserting “or the acqui-
13 sition, expansion, remodeling, or alteration of an ex-
14 isting building (including site grading and improve-
15 ment and architect fees)” after “any building”; and

16 (4) by adding at the end the following new
17 paragraph:

18 “(11) FUNDING LEVELS.—Subject to the avail-
19 ability of appropriations, the Administrator shall
20 maintain funding for each hazardous substance re-
21 search center established under this subsection at a
22 level not less than that funded in fiscal year 1999
23 until such time as the Administrator completes the
24 next competitive selection process for the centers.”.

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